T. S. Canal.

80. ❊MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have decided to deviate the T. S. Canal at the Tunnel portion at Varkala ; and

(*b*) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative whether the scheme will affect a large area of paddy fields ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) The matter is under investigation.

(*b*) In view of the answer to (*a*) this does not arise.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know the nature of the investigation ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: Investigation is to find a suitable and economical line for the diversion of the canal.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: May I know whether the honourable member is aware that it would be more advantageous if one more groyn is immediately constructed just on the western side of the Varkala T. B. ? The condition is very dangerous there.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: I have given some instructions about it and it is being attended to.

The Groynes at Varkala.

81. ❊ MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the annual recurring expenditure for maintaining the groynes at Varkala ;

(*b*) whether the groynes are at present permanent structures which do not require any maintenance ; and

(*c*) whether the maintenance works are necessary in view of the fact that the T. S. Canal is to be deviated at the tunnel portion at Varkala ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Rs. 8,000.

(*b*) Yes, but they require maintenance.

(*c*) Maintenance works are necessary even if the canal is deviated.

Athikkadai-Pulluvilai road.

82. ❊ MR. S. THIRAVIAM NADAR: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any steps are taken to metal and improve the Athikkadai-Pulluvilai road (connecting Dharmapuram and Manakkudy road) ; and

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the affirmative, why it is not metalled yet ?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Does not arise.

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